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[Two-part message complete]

[Part I] To the 8th Department.

Source "ORESTES" (1) "MOUNTAINEER" (GORETS).
In the middle of Feb. FAT, the personal secretary of the Minister of Foreign Affairs, (GITS) arrived from BUDAPEST as a diplomatic courier.
FAT on his way had a conversation with the personal secretary of the Minister of Foreign Affairs (GITS) (5 groups unrecovered) with the Minister's
enclaves

[12 groups unrecovered]

- In government circles [4 groups] a new probe is being conducted concerning the FINNS in this position. The minister is concerned that FINLAND will remain peaceful in the near future. [21 groups unrecovered]
- The situation in Hungary, despite its similarity to that of Finland, nevertheless contains fundamental differences.

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Distribution:

1. To Germany Finland is a peripheral country, lying outside the bounds of the German military sphere, whereas Hungary remains

[13 groups unrecovered]

in the Balkans.

2. In Finland there are only seven German divisions which, sooner or later, are fated to be expelled. [3 groups unrecovered] Germany has no

idea

[335 groups unrecoverable]

[Part II]

The new Hungarian military attaché called on the German military attaché in STOCKHOLM on 15th February 1944. The latter proposed the Finnish question. He said that (1) German divisions then in Finland would have to be [14 groups unrecovered]

On 17th February 1944 on [C.] his return visit the German military attaché declared that not one German soldier would voluntarily leave Finland and that whatever might cost, we would fight, and, if necessary, with trailers and

[14 groups unrecovered]

, if necessary, [5 groups unrecovered]. This was demanded by German honour and Germany's interests.

The Hungarian Minister [POSTANNIK] 4. Sz. [3 groups unrecovered] about his chat with the Minister [MINISTR] of Defence CHATLOS [CHATLOSH] of whom he is a personal friend and with whom he is on intimate terms. The Minister [MINISTR] complained to him how badly the Germans had behaved with the Slovak troops on [C.] the Eastern front. When they were sent the Germans gave assurances that the troops would be used as occupation troops, and they were armed accordingly. Despite the Germans' promises they immediately landed in the front line and owing to their being inadequately armed were [B.] wiped out or got themselves taken prisoner. The Minister was convinced that the same fate would befall the troops which were still at the Eastern front. There there were two divisions which were quite inadequately armed. One of them was serving in the area of the BUG and the other in the Crimea. You can just imagine - [1 group unrecovered] the Minister [MINISTR] - what impression is produced on [2 groups unrecovered] by the delivery of troops without arms. [3] We are demanding the arrest of [D.] the Germans [2 groups unrecoverable], but the Germans give us to understand that the German [C.] troops in this area are [2 on the whole] no better.

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*recent
to looking of 300 soldiers as reinforcements to this
area. to struggle in German army*

Further the Minister said that in the triangle MEZOLABOR
EPERJES-SVIDNIK 60-70 partisans reach Slovakia almost
daily and successfully attack police posts
[ZHANDARMSKIE POSTY]. Despite [42 groups unrecovered]
as soldiers were not [4 groups unrecovered] to the
partisan war, but the main thing was that the
population was giving help to the partisans. These
partisans apparently want to join up with TITO and
some had already succeeded in getting through to him.
On the subject of the prospects for the future the
Minister [of Defence] [b] was reticent with the
Minister [POSLANNIK] and said only that there was
nothing good that he could say about the future and
that during his last visit to HITLER's headquarters
he got the impression that the generals on the whole
did not think that Germany would win the war.
CSATLOS himself thinks that this summer the Russians
will be standing on the frontier of Germany.

as regards

As you know from the report of the
Hungarian Minister [POSLANNIK] in BUCHAREST, a wide
communist organization has once more been [4 groups
unrecovered] in Roumania. [B. The leaders] of an
important group were the son and daughter of the
President of the Supreme Court [1 group unrecovered]
GELBUS. Many signs point to the leader of the
communist movement being apparently Professor of
Theology JASSY-CONSTANINESCU who works, however, very
skillfully. On an island in the estuary of the
DANUBE [4 groups unrecovered] communist group, which
was led by a woman, the group contained more than
[B. 100] persons. After a stubborn fight 40 communists
were killed, [3 groups unrecovered] soldiers and
police. [C. A similar] group

[13 groups unrecovered]

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[Signature unrecovered]

T.N.: [a] This is the Russian transliteration. The
letter "Ts" may well represent a "2", "02",
or "C" in the original. (Gita = Gityzy)

[b] Inserted by the translator.

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